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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate **DATE** May 8, 2024
FROM Dilson Rassier, Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1/6
RE: SCUP Annual Report (SCUP 24-25)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dilson Rassier".

At its meeting on May 8, 2024, SCUP reviewed the Annual SCUP Report for April 2023 to March 2024. It is attached for the information of Senate.

Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)

ANNUAL REPORT

For the period of April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024

I. Principal Responsibilities

The principal responsibilities of SCUP include:

- The operation of the system of academic planning;
- To recommend the priorities that should be attached to the central allocation of resources required to implement approved new programs and strengthen existing programs;
- To review and approve notices of intent and full program proposals for submission to the provincial degree program approval process;
- To consider and make recommendations to Senate on proposals for new undergraduate and graduate programs and the discontinuance of programs;
- To be responsible for the operation of the system of external review of academic units set out in the Senate Guidelines for External Reviews;
- To receive and review recommendations for the establishment and disestablishment of academic departments, research units, centres and institutes under Policy R40.01, and forward recommendations to Senate;
- To provide advice to the President on the annual operating budget, annual capital budget and Five-Year Capital Plan before they are submitted to the Board of Governors for their approval.

II. Meetings Held

- April 12, 2023
- June 14, 2023
- July 12, 2023
- September 27, 2023
- October 25, 2023
- November 8, 2023
- December 6, 2023
- January 24, 2024
- February 7, 2024
- February 21, 2024
- March 6, 2024
- March 20, 2024

III. Proposed Programs Approved for Further Planning

SCUP considered and approved the following program proposals for further planning:

- Medical Humanities and Social Science Minor (December 6, 2023)
- SFU Medical School (February 7, 2024)

IV. New and Revised Programs

SCUP considered, approved, and recommended to Senate the following new programs:

- Master of Engineering in Sustainable Energy Engineering (April 12, 2023)
- Engineering Science, Biomedical Engineering Option Major (June 14, 2023)
- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Urban Worlds (July 12, 2023)
- Certificate in Sound (January 24, 2024)

V. Program Suspensions and Dissolutions

SCUP considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following suspensions of admission, and program dissolutions:

- Termination and Dissolution of the Health and Fitness Studies Certificate (April 12, 2023)
- Suspension of Admission to the Geographic Information Systems Major and Honours (October 25, 2023)
- Dissolution of the Latin American Studies Minor (December 6, 2023)
- Suspension of the Graduate Certificate and Master of Arts, Heritage Resource Management (December 6, 2023)
- Suspension of Admission to the Teacher Education (PQP) Professional Qualification Program (January 24, 2024)
- Dissolution of the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma (PBD) in Police Studies (January 24, 2024)
- Dissolution of the Latin American Studies Graduate Certificate (January 24, 2024)
- Dissolution of the Latin American Studies Co-operative Education Program (March 20, 2024)
- Dissolution of the Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major (March 20, 2024)
- Suspension of Admission to the Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major (March 20, 2024)

VI. External Reviews

SCUP received external review reports and related comments, and developed recommendations for priority action items in relation to the following:

- Beedie School of Business Accreditation Action Plan (June 14, 2023)
- Department of Mathematics (December 6, 2023)
- Faculty of Health Sciences (February 21, 2024)

External review mid-cycle reports were received from the following academic units:

- School of Communication (April 12, 2023)
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology (April 12, 2023)
- School for the Contemporary Arts (April 12, 2023)
- Department of English (April 12, 2023)
- Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (April 12, 2023)
- Department of Archaeology (April 12, 2023)
- School of Interactive Arts and Technology (October 25, 2023)
- Department of Psychology (October 25, 2023)

VII. Centres and Institutes

SCUP approved and recommended to Senate the establishment of the following Centres and Institutes:

- Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on the French-Speaking World (February 21, 2024)
- Aquatic Research Cooperative (ARC) Institute (March 20, 2024)

SCUP reviewed and approved the dissolution of the following centres:

- Cooperative Research Management Institute (CRMI) (March 20, 2024)

SCUP reviewed and approved the termination of the following centres:

- Centre d'études francophones Québec-Pacifique (November 8, 2023)
- Centre for Research on Early Child Health and Education (CRECHE) (November 8, 2023)
- Centre for Education Research and Policy (November 8, 2023)

SCUP reviewed and approved the renaming and repositioning of the following institutes:

- Centre called the Institute of Governance Studies to the Centre for Urban Governance (November 8, 2023)

SCUP approved the renewal of the following Centres or Institutes for a five-year term (November 8, 2023):

- Bill Reid Centre for Northwest Coast Studies
- Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies
- The SFU Morgan Centre for Labour Research
- Centre for the Study of Educational Leadership and Policy
- Children's Health Policy Centre

SCUP reviewed and approved the renewal of the following centres for a one-year term:

- Centre for Forensic Research (July 12, 2023)
- Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction (November 8, 2023)
- Institute for Intersectionality Research and Policy (December 6, 2023)

SCUP reviewed and approved the renewal of the following centres for a four-month term:

- Institute for Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement (June 14, 2023)

SCUP considered the following document for information:

- Centres and Institutes Report (November 8, 2023)

VIII. Budget and Financial Issues

SCUP received regular updates and various documents in order to gain a familiarity with the operating and capital budget issues at the University, and to enable SCUP to discharge its advisory responsibilities.

Documents received for information:

- Routine Capital Plan Consultation (May 10, 2023)
- Five-Year Capital Plan Consultation (May 10, 2023)
- 2024/25 Budget Consultation (November 8, 2023)

After a review of the available information in relation to the proposed 2024/25 University Budget, SCUP provided its comments to the President.

IX. Establishment of Committees

No committees were established in this reporting year.

X. Establishment of Chairs and Professorships

SCUP was consulted on and/or considered the naming of or revisions to the name of a Chair and/or Professorship:

- Terms of Reference for a Chair (closed session April 12, 2023)
- Terms of Reference for a Chair (closed session June 14, 2023)
- Terms of Reference for a Chair (closed session March 6, 2024)

XI. Other Matters Considered by SCUP

SCUP was consulted on, and/or considered, approved and recommended to Senate the following:

- Name Change of the Business and Geography Joint Major (April 12, 2023)
- Review of FPP Templates and Processes (May 10, 2023)
- Addition of Feasibility Study to Full Program Proposal Discussion (October 25, 2023)
- Name Change of the following programs (December 6, 2023):
 - French Language Minor
 - French Major Bachelor of Arts
- Name Change of the French Language Proficiency Certificate (January 24, 2024)
- Name Change of the French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs Political Science Major with a Political Science Extended Minor and French Extended Minor (March 20, 2024)

XII. Committee Memberships

April 2023 – May 2023

W. Parkhouse (Chair)
J. Derksen
G. Bird
N. Krogman
C. Neustaedter
D. O’Neil
K. Oldknow
T. Nault
G. Chapman
G. Myers
C. Liu
D. Murphy
D. Laitsch

T. Brennand
R. Pantophlet
V. Williams
D. Arsenault
A. Parmar
S. Rashmi
L. Masri
S. Spector
Z. Naqvi
B. Stewart
J. Sutherland (Secretary)
J. Chapman (Recording Secretary)

June 2023 – March 2024

W. Parkhouse/D. Rassier (Chair,
changed in August 2023)
M. O’Brien
A. Brooks-Wilson
N. Krogman
C. Neustaedter
D. O’Neil
K. Oldknow/P. Hall (*changed in
September 2023*)
T. Nault
G. Chapman
G. Myers
C. Liu
B. Fisher
C. Bullock

T. Brennand
R. Pantophlet
V. Williams
A. Parmar
M. Abu-Samhan
H. Singh Walia
A. Fung
Q. Vuong
C. Percival
Z. Naqvi
B. Stewart
J. Sutherland (Secretary)
J. Chapman/A. Pataky (Recording
Secretary, *changed in October 2023*)

Submitted to Senate by:



Dilson Rassier
Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities